

# Ahmed Ben Bella

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In two years, there were 22 military coups d'etat, essentially in Africa and the third world. The coup d'etat of Algiers, in 1965, is what opened the path.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

Colonialism is an idea born in the West that drives Western countries - like France, Italy, Belgium, Great Britain - to occupy countries outside of Europe.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

Everywhere that the struggle for national freedom has triumphed, once the authorities agreed, there were military coups d'etat that overthrew their leaders. That is the result time and time again.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

Let us all agree to die a little, or even completely so that African unity may not be a vain word

~Ahmed Ben Bella

Peace does not include a vendetta; there will be neither winners nor losers.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

I accommodated practically all of the liberation movements, including those of Latin America.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

When I was engaged in the struggle for my country, I was very young. My horizons were open.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

Those who are leftists, once in power, are not different from other parties.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

I am the son of poor peasants who came at a very young age to live in Algeria. I only recently saw the place where they were born, near the city of Marrakech.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

Yes, I am Algerian of Moroccan origin through my parents, but all my life is Algeria. I was born there.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

It is obvious that taking the country from a state of war to being a lawful state won't be easy.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

These are the multinationals, like General Motors and Nestle; these are the big industrial groups that weigh, on the monetary scale, much more than big countries like Egypt.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

The French colonisation of Algeria lasted a long time: 132 years.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

I think that they participated in something that was not very proper and was very pitiful, not only for the Algerian people, but also for the other people who counted on our support.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

I'm optimistic because I'm pragmatic: Neither of the two sides, the military government nor the Islamic front, is capable of winning. If they continue to fight, they will both bleed to death.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

I spent 24 and a half years in prison

~Ahmed Ben Bella

I am a Muslim Arab, in my actions oriented very to the left, in my convictions.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

Algeria is not breaking up.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

Algeria was therefore only the beginning of something that was in development: this is why I say that it's the global capitalist system that finally reacted against us.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

I am not a Marxist, but I place myself resolutely at the left.

~Ahmed Ben Bella

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